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SUMMARY: QADHAFI'S VIEWS U.S.RELUCTANCE ACCEPT LIBYAN  
AMB AS INDICATION THAT U.S. HAS NO INTEREST IN IMPROVED  
RELATIONS WITH LIBYA.

1. DURING MEETING WITH DIPLOMATS FOLLOWING INAUGURATION  
OF AGRICULTURAL PROJECT (WADI ZAMZAM LOCATED 350 KILOMETERS  
SOUTHEAST OF TRIPOLI) OADHAFI ASKED CHARGE WHY U.S.  
HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT LIBYAN AMBASSADORIAL NOMINATION.  
HE SAID THAT THE U.S. APPARENTLY HAD NO DESIRE TO

RECIPROCATATE LIBYA'S WISH TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THE TWO COUNTRIES TO WHICH I RESPONDED THAT AMBASSADORIAL  
NOMINATION HAD NOT BEEN FORMALLY REFUSED BUT WAS SIMPLY UNDER  
CONSIDERATION. MOREOVER, THAT THE U.S. DESIRED GOOD AND  
CORRECT RELATIONS WITH LIBYA AND IN FACT IN THE  
ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELD GOOD AN MUTUALLY BENE-  
FICIAL RELATIONS DID EXIST. I SUGGESTED THAT THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS

BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LIBYA COULD  
BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND IMPROVE  
DIALOGUES WHICH WE WOULD WELCOME. QADHAFI THEN  
ASKED IF WE HAD SOMETHING PERSONAL AGAINSGT THE  
NOMINATION THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT HAD MADE(IN AN  
ASIDE TO HIS AIDES WHICH WAS NOT TRANSLATED HE ALSO  
MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF CONNECTION BETWEEN AMBASSADORIAL  
NOMINATION AND U.S. RELATIONS WITH EGYPT). I ASSURED

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HIM THERE WAS NOTHING PERSONAL INVOLVED AND ASKED IF HE

WISHED ME TO CONVEY HIS VIEWS TO MY GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT HIS VIEWS WERE WELL KNOWN AND I WAS PERFECTLY FREE TO PASS THEM ALONG. QADHAFI OBSERVED THAT PERHAPS SOME OF THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES STEMMED FROM THE FACT THAT WE WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL.

2. AFTER CONCLUDING THIS EXCHANGE WITH ME QADHAFI TOLD THE REPRESENTIVES OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES PRESENT (2 SOVIET COMMERCIAL OFFICIALS, 2 HUNGARIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICERS, 1 YUGOSLAV COMMERCIAL OFFICER, ALGERIAN AND ITALIAN CHARGES,

AND ECOM OFFICER BERGSTROM) THAT RELATIONS WITH ALL OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES WERE EXCELLENT AND THERE WAS NO NEED PW## R A JMNG DIXKUSYIO# WITH THEM AS HE HAD HAD WITH ME. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT IS GENUINELY NON-ALIGNED AND KEEPS

GOOD RELATIONS ON BASIS EQUALITY WITH ALL STATES. WHERE RELATIONS NOT SATISFACTORY IT WAS CERTAINLY

NOT LARG'S FAULT. HE DID NOT MENTION MID EAST ISSUES OR TIE LIBYA'S RELATIONS OTHER STATES TO MID EAST POSITION, AS IS HIS USUAL CASE. INITIALLY HE EXPRESSED GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT THAT SO FEW COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED. HE QUIZZED THE REPRESENTATIVES THERE AS TO WHY THEIR AMBASSADORS HAD NOT APPEARED AND WHY AMBASSADORS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HAD NOT COME. (COMMENT: EASTER WEEKEND AND LATE ARRIVAL OF INVITATION AND PROSPECT OF DIFFICULT DAY IN DESERT WAS PROBABLY REASON FOR NON APPEARANCE OF WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES. QADHAFI CONCLUDED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN MEETING WITH

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AMBASSADORS RECENTLY BECAUSE OF PROTOCOL REASONS AND RCC DECISIONS BUT HE HAD WANTED TO EXPRESS THANKS TO US FOR DIFFICULT TRIP TO IMPORTANT PROJECT.

3. IMPROMPTU, RELAXED MEETING WAS CONDUCTED IN MANNER OF TRIBAL CHIEFTAIN RECEIVING PETITIONERS. WE SAT ON RUGS ON THE DESSERT SAND LEANING AGAINST PILLOWS. QADHAFI APPEARED RELAXED AND WELL. HE WAS INITIALLY COOL TO ME, BUT SEEMED TO WARM AS DISCUSSION DEVELOPED. AT CONCLUSION HE SHOOK HANDS AGAIN AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS.

4. QADHAFI IS CLEARLY GALLED BY NON-ACCEPTANCE OF HIS AMBASSADOR. HE ALSO MAY BE THINKING THAT HIS CURRENT PROBLEMS MAY REQUIRE SOME IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. I THINK, NEVERTHELESS, RESPONSE TO QADHAFI'S QUERY IS DESIREABLE IF ONLY TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPROVED COMMUNICATION WITH LARG LEADERSHIP. ONE POSSIBILITY IS TO CONVEY MESSAGE THRU MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WHO OBVIOUSLY IS CLOSE TO HIM AND SERVED AS THE INTERPRETER DURING THIS MEETING. ANOTHER, WHICH I PREFER, IS THROUGH MFA AT THE UNDER-SECRETARY LEVEL. WE MIGHT FRANKLY POINT OUT, THAT AMBASSADORIAL RELATIONS MUST AWAIT A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT N RELATIONS AND SPECIFY IN CLEAR TERMS WHAT FORM THIS IMPROVEMENTMUST TAKE.

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